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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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Through the leadership of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Board of Supervisors has spearheaded the drive to promote “Arts for All: The Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education.”

Currently, the effort involves 16 school districts which are committed to providing quality arts education for all students. While districts have adopted curriculum policies, approved strategic plans for the arts, and even hired arts coordinators, additional funding will be essential to afford all students equal access to arts education.

Gov. Schwarzenegger’s recently released “May Revise” of the FY06-07 state budget includes funding to support arts education for all K-12 students. This proposed state funding will allow all school districts in LA County to make real progress in restoring arts programs. It is vitally important that the Legislature include this funding item in the final budget, and it is urgent that we express our support while the proposed budget is under consideration by the various legislative committees.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors adopt a position in support of the arts funding in the Governor’s May Revise of the proposed FY06-07 state budget, and instruct the CAO to immediately communicate this position to the County’s legislative advocates and to our legislative delegation in Sacramento.

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